



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2020 ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sanctuary closed. Virtual Service by video or phone.

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

"History and Legacy"

Earlier this fall we looked at our Universalist heritage at FPC. What messages does our Unitarian history at FPC have as we look to the future? What can we learn by delving into our religious past as an individual church and as a denomination?

The Order of Service & the FPC Announcements will be posted on the First Parish Church of Stow & Acton Website under "Services" for download by the Friday evening before the service.

On Sunday you can go directly to the FPC Website by CLICKING the below address for the video link, phone number, Order of Service (OOS) & FPC Announcements:

<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services>

NOVEMBER PLATE SHARING

FPC GUEST TABLE

FPC Guest Table has served a free community dinner on the first Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall for more than 4 years. We have not been serving since March, when the church was closed due to COVID. For that reason we are sharing whatever we receive through the plate sharing with the local food pantries. They are still operating and are in more demand now, during this pandemic.

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

This Week in our Religious Education Program

Our workshops continue this Sunday for all children and youth.

Please see listings below for our current set of workshops.

Holiday Happenings (grades PreK-4) 9:15-9:50

Building on our Beliefs (Grades 2-5) 9:15-9:50

Chillin out with Baking and Crafting (Grades 5-8) 11:30-12:30

Videos and Values (Grades 5-8) 11:30-12:30

Zoom links will be sent out on Saturday morning for Sunday's workshops.

Please contact Michelle Cote, our Director of Religious Education for more information at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org

THE WEEK AT CHURCH NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 5

Tuesday Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
Asylum Meeting 7PM Zoom
Book Group 7PM Zoom
RE Meeting 7PM Zoom

Wednesday Membership Committee 7PM Zoom
Meditation 7:25PM Zoom

Thursday Peace Vigil 5PM outside in front of FPC
SGM Facilitators 6PM Zoom
Worship Committee 6PM Zoom
Virtual Choir Rehearsal 7- 8PM

Friday Collecting Holiday Gifts 3-5 PM FPC (scroll down for info)

Saturday Collecting Holiday Gifts 10AM-2PM FPC (scroll down)

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT Saturday at 7:30pm



New Revival
Coffeehouse

A Streaming Concert

Celia Woodsmith and Joe K. Walsh

(scroll down for link & more information)

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Sunday, December 6, 2020

10 AM ONLY zoom

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"ST. NICHOLAS DAY"

Many cultures around the world celebrate December 6th as St. Nicholas' Day, the day when St. Nick brings presents and leaves them in shoes or stockings. This service will talk about some different cultural expressions around the world and also take a look at the historic St. Nicholas. And is it true that St. Nick slapped Arius, the first unitarian?

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

Virtual Religious Education

TUESDAYS **COFFEE AND CHAT** bring your coffee



10AM ~ 11AM

AT THE GAZEBO

~Ann Sadler



My FPC

"On the Side of Love"

Is it a lifeline during moments of stress and anxiety? Is it a source of joy as you celebrate personal accomplishments or milestones? Is it friendships over apple pies or auction dinners or a simple walk in the woods? Is it spiritual renewal? Is it a friendly face, a card of sympathy, support or meal in a time of need?

FPC is all these things and more. To keep FPC vibrant and strong, we volunteer, share our skills and make a pledge. Pledging is a critical element in keeping FPC strong and a resource through-out the year.

This campaign is to support FPC for the fiscal year July 2021 thru June 2022.

Our Goals:

- *100% Member participation*
- *8% average Pledge amount increase*

Thank you so much to those have already pledged.

We ask everyone to pledge by December 22nd, if possible.

You may pledge on-line at:

<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/webform/stewardship-pledge-2020-2021>

or google: fpc pledge stow

Thank-you for your generosity!

In gratitude,

Rachelle Reisberg and Rick Gentilman, co-chairs

Stewardship Team Members: Roy Miller, Steve Evans, Ruth Ann Murray, Kate Imhoff, Sharon Brownfield, Helen Ham, Sue Moses

graphic: Rebecca MacNeill

The Racial Justice Task force is offering a three-part workshop that we are calling “Dismantling Racism as a Spiritual Practice.”

Lisa Fagerstrom will be the facilitator, and each workshop will begin at 7 pm and be approximately 90 minutes.

**The dates and topics are as follows
7:00PM ZOOM**

Monday, October 26th - “Journeying Toward Spiritual Wholeness”

Monday, November 23rd- “Dismantling Racism and Other Isms in Ourselves”.

Monday, January 25th - “Dismantling Racism and Other Isms in Our Institutions”

Zoom links and details will be sent closer to each event.

We hope you will mark your calendar and join us on this journey!



New Revival
Coffeehouse

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT DECEMBER 5 at 7:30pm

The concert will be streamed on Facebook Live and the link will be posted on FPC Announce and on the New Revival Coffeehouse Facebook page

The New Revival Coffeehouse is back!



New Revival will present a streaming concert on Saturday Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. featuring two fine musicians

Celia Woodsmith & Joe K. Walsh.

Celia is a Grammy-nominated vocalist, performer and songwriter. The Bluegrass Situation described her vocal style as "one of a kind: gritty, muscular, folksy and intimate"

sometimes all at once.”

The Boston Globe said she is “unvarnished and intimate...but then sounds like she’s about to part the Dead Sea.”

She is a member of the all-women Nashville-based bluegrass band Della Mae. In 2014 Della Mae was nominated for a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album for their record “This World Oft Can Be.”

Mandolinist and songwriter Joe K. Walsh comes out of the New England roots music scene. A musician’s musician, he has played with a number of prominent artists like Darol Anger and the Gibson Brothers.

His new album “Borderland” features roots musicians like fiddlers Bruce Molsky and Brittany Haas, and banjo player Gabe Hershfeld. The songs include Joe’s own lyrics, as well as poems by W.B. Yeats that he set to music.

The concert will be streamed on Facebook Live and the link will be posted on FPC Announce and on the New Revival Coffeehouse Facebook page.

A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested for this concert, and can be paid directly to the artists during the event.

Holiday Gift Drive – Success Because of You!

It is with bursting hearts that Santa's Helpers report all gifts and gift cards for the holiday gift drive have been claimed. The generosity of our community has no bounds!

If you missed your opportunity to sign up to participate, don't despair! You can still purchase gift certificates in any denomination from Market Basket, Walmart or CVS. Both Renewal House and Voices Against Violence would welcome these gifts to meet additional needs after the holiday season.

We will be collecting gifts at FPC on Friday, December 4 from 3-5 pm, and Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 2 pm.

All gifts should be returned unwrapped. Please bag each gift individually. Gift cards should be delivered in an envelope. On each gift and gift card, please write the name of the recipient, your name, and the shelter to which it is going (RH for Renewal House, and VAV for Voices Against Violence). Alternatively, you can print out the email you received from Signup Genius and attach it to your gifts.

Be sure to circle the gifts you purchased. This will really help

gift-drive@fpc-stow-acton.org the elves sort gifts and make sure they get to the right people.

And THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the North Pole!
FPCers know the true meaning of the holidays!

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Miller (9780-897-5470) or at gift-drive@fpc-stow-acton.org

**JANUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
(The Chronicle)**

DUE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2020

(due to the Holidays)

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MANY THANKS

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